



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Katia Georgopoulos et al.  
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Art Unit : 1644  
Examiner : P. Nolan

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNICATION MAILED JANUARY 13, 2003

In the communication mailed January 13, 2003 (the Communication), the Examiner requests correction of an alleged discrepancy between the length of SEQ ID NO:30 as reported in the paper copy of the CRF filed June 13, 2001, and the length of SEQ ID NO:30 as disclosed in Figure 2.

Applicants submit that no discrepancy exists and no correction is necessary. The Examiner may have been misled as to the number of residues shown in Figure 2 by the fact that the last row of alignments in Figure 2 is not separated into groups of 10 residues. In fact, Applicants note that SEQ ID NO:30 has 240 amino acids as reported in the paper copy of the CRF filed June 13, 2001 and as disclosed in Figure 2. Therefore, Applicants submit that the application is in full compliance with the sequence rules and respectfully request that the objection discussed in the Communication be withdrawn.

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Respectfully submitted,

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